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Application Number: 10/042,549		Filed: January 9, 2002
For: TANTALUM AND NIOBium BILLETS AND METHODS OF PRODUCING THE SAME		
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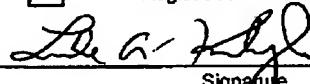
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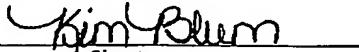
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